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Security Council

11 a.m. — 4860th meeting (closed) — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10 a.m. — 2nd meeting (closed) — Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

An informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security, will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. *[Open to all delegations]*

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Main Committees

Third Committee

3 p.m. 49th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2 (amendments thereto in A/C.3/58/L.48)

2. Advancement of women [110]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.18 and A/C.3/58/L.21/Rev.1)

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.46

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.49

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189)); 133 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/58/157)); and 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part VIII: Common support services (A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 29A), A/58/6 (Sect. 29B), A/58/6 (Sect. 29C), A/58/6 (Sect. 29D), A/58/6 (Sect. 29E), A/58/6 (Sect. 29F), A/58/6 (Sect. 29G)); Part IX: Internal oversight (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)); Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses (A/58/6 (Sect.31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32)); Part XI: Capital expenditures (A/58/6 (Sect. 33)); Part XII: Staff assessment (A/58/6 (Sect. 34)); and Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16)

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on: review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211)); and 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

2. Executive session: administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28 entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (agenda item 99 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and Technology for Development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2.30–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 18 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

2–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)*

10–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee issues)*

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(on cybersecurity; debt; international financial syste; and other macro-economic issues)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

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OIC Group *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance to Malawi" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malawi)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

African Group: Meeting of West African States

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) *(plenary meeting)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of India (on behalf of the Group of 77))

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled " World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 *today*, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon — Mr. Jan Egeland, United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator; and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (to launch the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee The Second Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

There will be a meeting of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 19 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 26 November and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 3; and on Friday, 21 November, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and on Thursday, 20 November, in Conference Room 7.

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the group of ambassadors of member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Symposium on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org]

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group), will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Round table "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table on "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals" on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Alex Palmason, International Monetary Fund, New York Office, will lead the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557].

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda 96) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Monday, 17 November 2003

Security Council

4859th meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations, and Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Guéhenno and Dr. Piot.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Chile, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Germany, Bulgaria, China, France, Guinea, Mexico, Spain, Pakistan and Cameroon, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of Angola.

Mr. Guéhenno and Dr. Piot responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

62nd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates from among the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, the General Assembly declared elected 43 members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, pursuant to resolutions 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, 31/99 of 15 December 1976 and 57/20 of 19 November 2002.

The following thirty members were elected for a six-year term of office beginning on 14 June 2004: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Guatemala, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

By a drawing of lots, the following thirteen members were elected for a term of office beginning on 14 June 2004 and ending on the last day prior to the beginning of the fortieth session of the Commission, in 2007: Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, Jordan, Lithuania, Qatar, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey and Uruguay.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

(b) *Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/552)* [16 (c)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, the Bahamas, the Comoros, France, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and Zimbabwe were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 16 and of agenda item 16 as a whole.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/58/L.15) [20]

The representative of Mongolia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/58/L.15.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.15, as orally revised (resolution 58/13).

The representative of Chile made a statement (also on behalf of the Czech Republic, India, Italy, Mali, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea and Romania).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 20.

Main Committees

Second Committee

35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(g) Commodities

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36**

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Chad, the Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen, as well as Palestine.

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development [104]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.39

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Saint Lucia introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.40

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The representative of Malta made a statement, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee

47th meeting

Human rights questions [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Kenya, Turkey, Cameroon, Haiti, Cuba, Malaysia, Uganda, Cyprus, Belarus, San Marino, Greece, Armenia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jordan, Timor-Leste, Brazil, Latvia and Indonesia.

The observer of the European Community made a statement.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

48th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.48 (amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2)

The representative of Benin introduced and orally revised the document, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Angola, the Gambia and the United States.

The Comoros, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Thailand also joined in sponsoring amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.46

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of his delegation, as well as Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Congo, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.

Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nigeria, Turkmenistan and the United Republic of Tanzania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.47

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Qatar and Turkmenistan.

Botswana and Malawi also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [112]

The representative of Canada made a statement with regard to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1, which had been adopted earlier by the Committee.

Human rights questions [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkmenistan.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

Right of reply

China, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Colombia, Ethiopia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Greece, Eritrea, the Republic of Korea and Armenia made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 117 (b), (c) and (e).

Organization of work

The representative of Canada indicated that her delegation had intended to co-sponsor draft resolution A/C.3/L.37/Rev.1.

Fifth Committee

19th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [138]

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor [140]

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [143]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced, in a single statement, the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/381, A/58/192, A/58/192/Add.1 and A/58/386).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/58/447, A/58/447/Corr.1, A/58/409 and A/58/441).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), South Africa, Japan, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Uganda, Rwanda and Uruguay.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda items 140 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor) and 143 (a) (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission).

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda items 140 and 143 (a) would begin on that day, Monday, 17 November , following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanships Mr. Fouad Rajeh (Saudi Arabia) Rapporteur of the Committee, and Ms. Karla Samayoa-R[illegible] (Guatemala), respectively.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources introduced the report of the Secretary General (A/58/559).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Japan, India and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, New Zealand and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Organization of work

The representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 14 November 2003

581st meeting — *Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* [9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.

582nd meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee continued the examination of the initial report of Latvia (CAT/C/21/Add.4).

Monday, 17 November 2003

583rd meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee examined the initial report of Yemen (CAT/C/16Add.10). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.

584th meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee continued the examination of the initial report of Lithuania (CAT/C/37/Add.5).

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention [8]

The Committee discussed matters relating to article 20 of the Convention.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [9]

The Committee continued its examination of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 17 November 2003

40th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Guatemala (E/1990/6/Add.34 and E/1990/6/Add.34/Rev.1).

41st meeting

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Russian Federation (E/C.12/4/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Monaco (5 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Monaco (5 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place *today*, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Zimbabwe.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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A/58/PV.9	Meeting held on 24 September 2003, 10 a.m. [R]
A/58/PV.14	Meeting held on 26 September 2003, 3 p.m. [F]
A/58/PV.15	Meeting held on 29 September 2003, 10 a.m. [F]

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A/58/542	Item 104 (b) — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development: high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development — Letter dated 29 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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A/C.2/58/L.41	Item 100 — Globalization and interdependence — Morocco: draft resolution — Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.42	Item 100 — Globalization and interdependence — Morocco: draft resolution — World Summit on the Information Society [A C E F R S]
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A/C.3/58/L.47	Item 117 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 42-Power draft resolution — Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/58/10	Items 12, 120 and 121 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/15	Items 121 and 122 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Programme planning — Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2002/1445/Add.1	Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/40/Add.42	Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1014 Letter dated 16 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1079 Letter dated 11 November 2003 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1088 Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1089 Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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